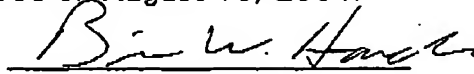


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 20, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to August 20, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**Please add the indicated headings.**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please cancel Claim 12,Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.